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INVENTION : Boat Hook Attachment
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF May 14, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire Aug 16, 2004, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.